THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KM. SELJA): (a) The Department of Culture released Rs. 15 lakhs to the Indian Council for Cultural Relations for meeting the organisational expenses connected with the World Theatre Project's performance in India.

(b) The foreign artistes had stayed in India from 12 August to 11 November, 1994. Two performances of the Play by this group had been arranged in Delhi on 1st and 2nd November, 1994.

(c) During 1993 and 1994, the Indian Council for cultural Relations (ICCR) sponsored a 15-member theatre group from Mauritius, which visited India in December, 1994 and presented a play "Itihas Shakshi Hai" in Delhi, Chandigarh, Lucknow and Bombay. The ICCR spent a total expenditure of Rs. 8.5 lakhs on the visit of this group. A Bangla Desh Festival of Art was also organised from 20-12-94 to 4-1-95, which included two performances of a theatre group.

Recommendation made by National Women Commission

1807. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the salient recommendations made by the National Women's Commission in the past three years;

(b) whether Government's attention has been invited to the press reports that the Chairperson of the Commission to the effect that Government have not implemented a single suggestion;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) the action taken by Government on the recommendations of the Commission in 1993 and 1994?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SMT. BASAVARAJESWARI): (a) Major recommendations made by the National Commission for Women in past three years are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) It is not correct to say that Government has not acted upon the recommendations of the Commission. Appropriate action has been initiated on the major recommendations received from the Commission. For instance, action as required has been taken by appropriate authorities on specific complaints regarding atrocities on women with respect to the enquiries initiated by the Commission. For example, in the case of gang rape of a Sathin, the Commission's recommendations relating to CBI enquiry and arrest of the accused were acted upon. In the Saharanpur molestation case, action has been initiated by the UP Government against concerned police and district officials. Women prisoners were released from jails in UP on the basis of the recommendations made by the Commission. Action was taken against an employee of Calcutta University regarding rape of another woman employee. In addition, the Commission has suggested several measures to the Departments of the Central and the State Governments, on a variety of subjects such as women's representation in Panchayats and local bodies, women and the electronic/print media, women's employment, participation in trade unions, introduction of new family planning devices for women, social security for women, the law and procedure regarding insurance etc. Many of these recommendations require inter ministerial examinatitn and consultation.

Statement

Major recommendations of the NCW

(1) *Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act.*

(2) *The Dowry Prohibition Act.*

The Commission's suggestion in both the cases is to transfer the subtantive provisions as to the offices relating to Sati and Dowry to the Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Porcedure and the Indian Evidence Act. The Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act and the Dowry Prohibition Act should be retained including therein only the supplemental provisions.

(3) *The Hindu Marriage Act;* Amendment of section 5 so as to omit epilepsy is a ground for divorce.

(4) *The Code of Criminal Procedure-amendment of section* 498. To remove restriction on loaging of complaint in respect of offences under section 494 and 495 of the Indian Penal Code.

(5) *The Code of Criminal Procedure,* Amendment of section 320 so as to make the offences under section 498 of the Indian Penal Code compoundable.

(6) *Amendment of the Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Child Marriage Restraint Act* so as to curb the incidence of sale of minor girls.

(7) *Amendment of the Code of Criminal Procedure* to improve the conditions of women prisoners and to provide custodial justice to women.

(8) *Legislation on compulsory registration of marriages in India.* The Commission suggested early enactment of the legislation and also made several suggestions with regard to the proposed legislation.

(9) *Delhi Prohibition of Eve teasing Bill.* The Commission offered its comments on the aforesaid, proposal of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(10) *National Commission for Women Act,* 1990. The Commission recommended that a provision may be included in the National Commission for Women Act on the lines of the provisions of section 38 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.

(11) *The Marriage Bill.* The Commission recommended the enactment of uniform law relating to marriages.

(12) *The Domestic Violence to* Women (Prevention) Bill.

(13) *The Orphan and Destitute Children (Adoption) Bill.*

(14) The Criminal Law (Amendment Bill).

Take over of Allahabad University

1808. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 578 given in Rjaya Sabha on the 9th December, 1994 and to state:

(a) when were the salient points in the UGC report with regard to non-plan expenditure relating to the Central take over of the Allahabad University sent to Uttar Pradesh Government; and

(b) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh have sent their comments so far and if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what further steps Government propose to take to expedite the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KM. SELJA): (a) and (b) The report of the Committee consituted by the UGC to asses the current level of non-plan expenditure of Allahabad University was sent to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for comments on December 21, 1993. However, the comments of the Government of Uttar Pradesh have not been received so far. The State Government has been reminded to expedite the reqired comments.